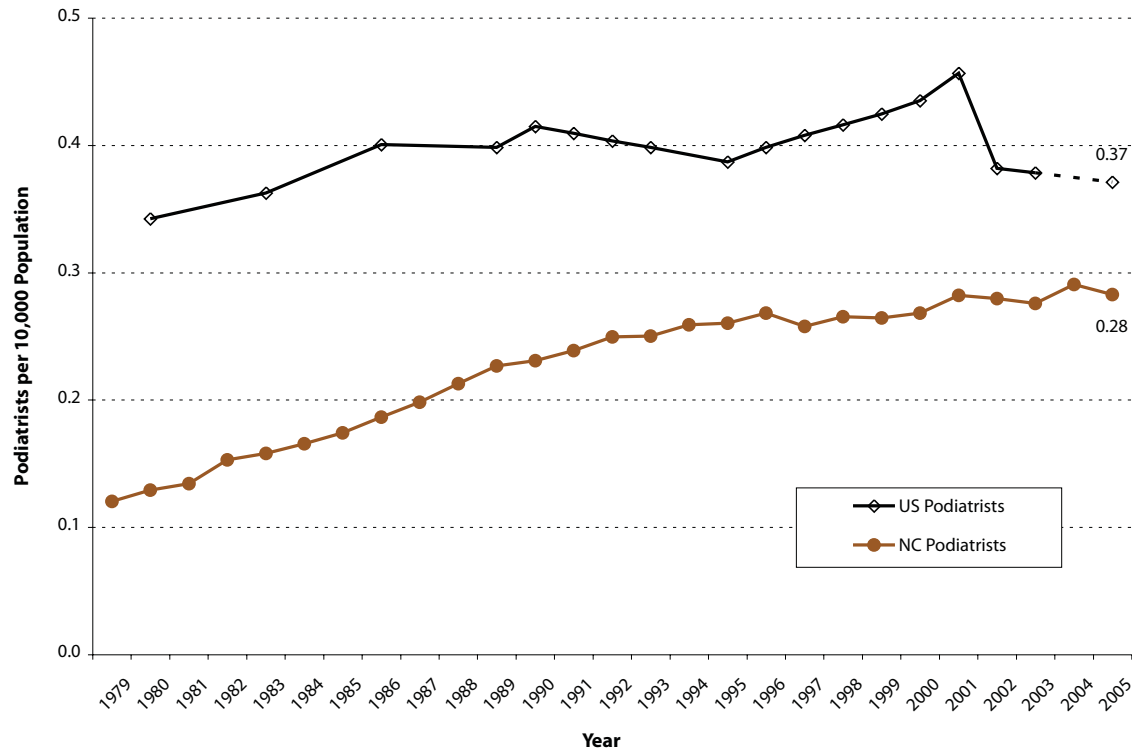
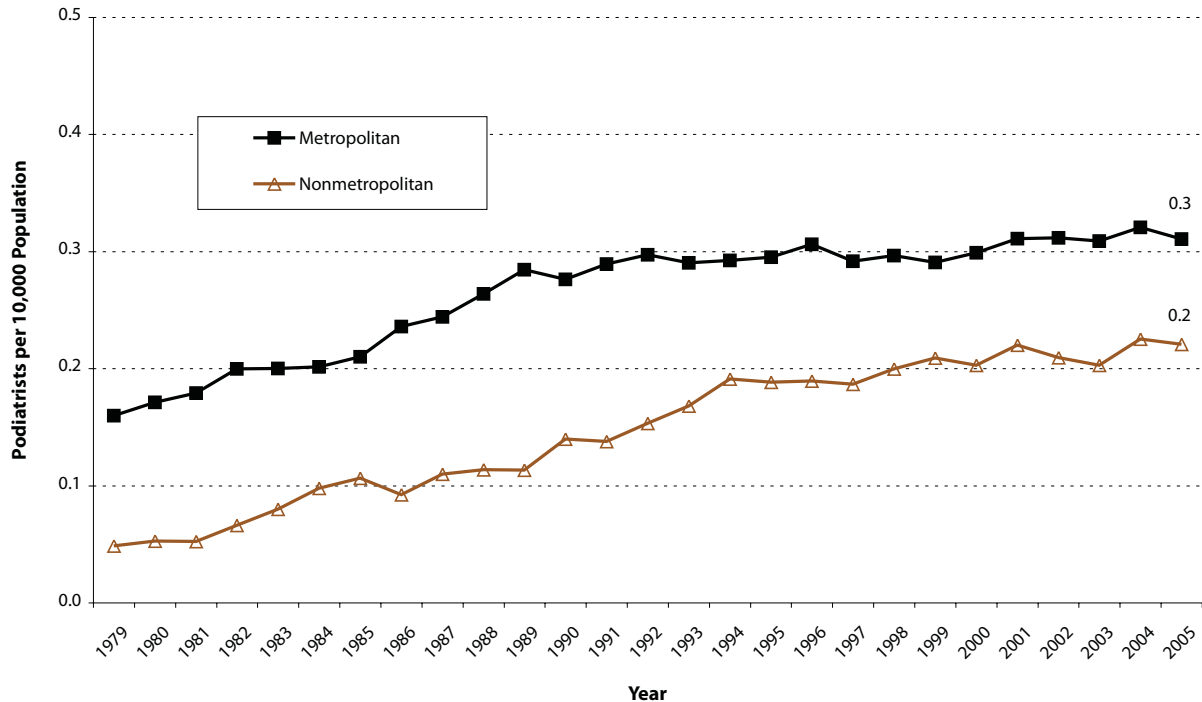


**Figure 26. Podiatrists per 10,000 Population  
United States and North Carolina  
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, instate podiatrists. The dashed line from 2003 to 2005 indicates smoothing because of unreliable data.  
Sources: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2005; North Carolina Office of State Planning; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management; U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Figure 27. Podiatrists per 10,000 Population  
Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, North Carolina  
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, instate podiatrists licensed as of October 31st of the respective year.  
Sources: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2005; North Carolina Office of State Planning; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management; US Census Bureau and Office of Management and Budget, 2006.